

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2440
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No.
2440 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL
AREA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to honor Hawaii's men and
women who served in the armed forces as well as Hawaii's rich
royal history. Among other things, this measure:

- (1) Designates the Hotel Street Mall behind the Capitol
Building as Memorial Mall and requires all future war
memorials sited on the State Capitol grounds to be only
placed in proximity to or along the Mall; and
- (2) Establishes the Ho'onoho Pono Working Group to supervise
and direct the interchanging of the Eternal Flame,
located on Beretania Street, and the Spirit of
Lili'uokalani Statue, located on the Hotel Street Mall
behind the Capitol Building, and to design bronze
plaques and bronze kahili to be placed on the wall
directly behind the current location of the Eternal
Flame honoring various members of the Hawaiian monarchy.



The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Washington Place Foundation, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services supported the intent of this bill. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to:
 - (A) Jointly appoint representatives from various specific private entities to the Ho'onoho Pono Working Group rather than directly appointing these representatives to the Working Group; and
 - (B) Respectively appoint a member of the House of Representatives and the Senate to the Working Group;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2440, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2440, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Mark Takai", written over a horizontal line.

K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2440	Committee Referral: VMI, LMG, FIN	Date: Feb 5, 14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass , with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓ VIT			✓
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.		✓		
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓ VIT	✓		
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
TOTAL (11)	6	2		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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